

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE BOYS AT THE FRONT

Time is Too Precious to While it Away Without Accomplishing Anything.

Everyone in the Right Place the Great Work Will Prosper.

It is a very common thing to speak of the boys at the front in war times, and truly we are living in war times. The east is in war, and many of our boys are at the front on duty on the border of Mexico.

But it is not my purpose to discuss the wars and the boys on the battle fields in Europe and elsewhere. There is another class of boys at the front that claims my attention, and far more interesting because they are preparing the way for the coming of my Lord back to earth again. I do not say I have no interest in the thousands of soldier boys that are engaged in the bloody wars, for they truly have my sympathy and pity, no matter what side they are on.

But it is the boys at the front that are soldiers for Jesus that I wish to call attention to. I love them, I can't tell how much, but it is not because I love them that I am presenting this subject at this time. For two years I have been shut away from the open field, but my zeal has not abated. It has rather increased, and is still growing.

It would be a pleasure for me to visit the states and help to encourage the work and workers as I used to, but as this is not possible I want to say a word through the paper to encourage the boys at the front. I would love to go to the Bahama Islands and press the work on to Auklin, Great Inagua, the Turk Islands and others. But I can't go I want some of the other boys to go. We must push the work this year a little stronger than ever in the past.

I am fully expecting God to give us more means the coming year so we can help the workers more. My faith is getting stronger on this line, and I am looking for funds from unexpected sources, both for foreign and home work. Quite a lot of the workers have been compelled to spend much of their time in the past years in

earning means to support their families, but this kind of business is about over for those who are really chosen to carry the gospel. If they are worth anything at the front they must go, if they are not, then they must settle down to hard labor and earn all they can and pay their tithes, and some offerings besides, so others can be sent to the front.

This running out and in is unsatisfactory. Out a few weeks or months in evangelistic work and then back at a job again for months is not the best thing, when workers are so scarce and souls are dropping into hell so rapidly. It is time we are doing better than this. We cannot hope to gain the victory on the battlefield when the troops are withdrawn every few months. While they are at home the enemy is strengthening his forces and preparing his intrenchments and breast works. This should not be allowed because our troops have withdrawn. If it is done at all it should be done amidst the rain of shot and shell of our boys as they thunder forth the great and powerful gospel of "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," and "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

There is a place for every one to fill. There is a work for every one to do. If it is not at the battle front, it is at the plow, in the shop, at the store, in the office, or in some kind of work to earn means to support the war. But the time is about over for half-time work. If you are going to preach, then preach, and trust the Lord for expenses. If you are not going to preach, then get a job and keep it long enough to be promoted to good wages, so you can make something worth while and pay your tithes and offerings so you can prosper and help the boys that are doing nothing

but preach or sing, or on the battlefield in some special service for our Great General.

Time is too precious to while it away without accomplishing something. The time used to be that a man could farm and preach, too, or engage in other secular work and preach, but that time is about over. You will never accomplish anything in that way. While you are out preaching your farm work will suffer, and when you are in home and working on your farm the other work will suffer. You must either stop one or the other if you want to succeed. Just as well make up your mind one way or the other, for you will never amount to anything carrying a double load. It is too heavy and you will soon be old and nothing done, 2 Tim. 2:4.

If you must preach, and the Spirit will give you no peace without it, then step into the chariot of Math. 6:32 and 1 Cor. 9:14, and die of starvation rather than retreat. If you can't do this you had better step over into the other chariot of Eph. 4:28, and help to keep some body else at the battle front. And remember 1 Sam. 30:24, and Rom. 12:11.

Now, beloved, if we can only get every one in the right place the great work will prosper, and the next Assembly will bring far greater reports than any time in the past.

It has not been our purpose to grant credentials for bishops or evangelists if they did not intend to give themselves to the ministry, but some have been forced back to secular work for support, either from real necessity or fear of poverty and want.

I feel sure our financial system should be regulated to meet the needs a little better than at present, but still our boys at the front should keep their faith in Philippians 4:20, whether the financial system is regulated or not.

But I fully believe God is going to open up money purses and bank accounts this year and place money at our disposal so we can help to keep more boys at the front this year. I feel that my faith is developing so I am safe in venturing to help at least twenty-five or fifty

more the coming year.

Pack your grips, boys, and get ready to start in promptly the first of January, 1917, with renewed courage and faith, and when your faith is about shattered and you feel you can go no further, let me know and we will put our faith together and pull on the bell cord of heaven until the great supply house is heard from in some tangible manner. I'm sure God will help us.

My whole soul is in the work, and it must be moved up all along the line of battle. Every soldier must take new ground and hold it to the last. No one must get discouraged and give it up. Before you get started, please don't go in without communicating with me. This means the caring for your family too.

I am now going to make an earnest appeal to those who have means, and those who are drawing fair wages, and those who have a regular or irregular income. You know what I am going to say probably, but I must say it any way. God bless you. Turn your money loose and put it in a channel that will count the most for the salvation of souls. Where could you put your money that would count more for God and souls than in the Church of God?

During the last year quite a number of good people who are not members of the church sent their money to us to use to use to push the work along. I am looking for more on this line the coming year. I am also expecting many of the local churches to have a surplus in their treasuries over and above what their pastors need. I am expecting this surplus to be put into good use to push the work along.

We will take pleasure in assisting any of the local churches to place their money where it will count the most for the church and souls if they feel our help is needed.

Now, loved ones, the work is great and the laborers are few in number even when every one of our ministers are doing their best. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest. And this means for us to pray for and believe for enough expense money

to keep them at work in the great harvest field all the time.

Beloved, the boys at the front must have the necessary help to meet their expenses, and keep their families while husband and father is away. They make the sacrifices of home and its comforts, and the home folks sacrifice the presence and help of their husbands and fathers, so those who labor with their hands in business should be willing to make some sacrifices too.

If I can succeed in getting more energy and zeal and push, into our loved ones, I will not consider this article an entire failure. I want every reader to feel the fire burning in you as it is burning in me now. I want you all to blaze with holy zeal to push this gospel to the ends of the earth.

Turn your money into the proper channel and by the help of the Lord you will see the gospel blazing through the land similar to the way it blazed in the days of the early church. Mark 16:20. We do not boast of our ability, but God has got a hold on us and we are not afraid to venture. It is His work, but we are instruments in His hands for service. There is a Scripture that reads, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Something like this has got a hold on me. Lord let it burn.

Istachatta, Fla.

Dear Saints:

It has been two months since the Lord poured His wonderful blessing in my soul. I can say from the depths of my heart that it has been the best two months of my life. Glory to God! There has been such a change since the Lord saved and sanctified my soul. The things of the world have no more charm for me.

My greatest desire is to do something for my Savior who has done so much for me.

My hope and desire is to be faithful to the end.

Pray for our little band of nine.

Your sister in Jesus,
Mrs. Ada E. Chapman.

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Eupora, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am praising God for sparing my life until I heard the gospel preached. Praise His dear name. He has saved and sanctified me. I have not yet received the Holy Ghost, but glory to Jesus it is for me.

Sister Olive Bowie brought the gospel to us, and came back the third week in September and brought brother Simpson and a band of workers with her and held a weeks meeting.

The Lord came in power. The sinners heard Him calling and began to open their eyes. The people had never witnessed such a meeting before and stood back and looked on for awhile. They were getting ready to take hold when the meeting closed.

Pray for the Lord to send us another band at once, while the people are seeking to find the true way. They can hardly wait for another meeting. If any one feels led of the Lord to come write to me. We are new in this way and need some one to come and stay a while with us.

Pray for the seekers at this place. Pray that they will continue to seek until they find peace. I want all the dear saints to pray for me. I am seventeen years old and want to spend my life in His service. The Lord has been calling me for two years, and I feel like I ought to be in meetings, where I would be doing something for Jesus. The Lord willing I intend to go in the work

next summer and would be glad to have some faithful workers to go with me.

I am a member of the Church of God and would not take any amount of money for my place in the dear old church. We have eleven members here.

A short time ago I heard a lady teaching her children that Jesus would never return to earth again, and that when we die there is no hereafter.

Pray for her that she may see the light and teach her children the true way.

I have many temptations but I praise God and go on. I have started from foot of the steep hill, with a determination to go the top. My people are on my heart and I long for the time to come when I can tell them about this wonderful salvation. I need the prayers of all the dear saints,

Your sister seeking higher ground,

Gertrude Washam.

Cooper Town Abaco.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Dear Saints—Greetings in the Holy Name of Jesus:

I am praising God this day because He anointed me with the oil of gladness and sometimes my cup runs over, Hallelujah!

I have been living a sanctified life for two years. Praise His name.

Beloved, I am looking forward to the great day when the work of man shall come to nought.

Saints, it fills my soul with glory to think of being forever at the right hand of God. Brother Franks is our pastor. We love him because he takes care of his flock and feeds us in due time.

I praise God for His keeping power. The battle is in this land but we are going on to victory by the help of our God.

Pray for my wife and children, they are against holiness. Pray for me that I may be instrumental in bringing many souls to God.

Your brother under the blood till Jesus comes or calls,

Samuel McIntosh.

Edgoten, Ky.

Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints Greetings in Jesus Name:

Well, glory to God for what He has done for me. I have lived in a backside state for some time, but God blessed me, and this morning I know I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God.

By His grace and help I

will be true to Him. I want to get back in the Church of God and let Him have His way with me. I can't praise Him enough for what He is to me.

Pray for the people here. There is no one here believing in this way. Pray for my brother that he might be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Pray for me that I may be kept under the blood. May God bless you all is my prayer.

Your humble brother under the blood and looking for His coming.

T. B. Browker.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for salvation, for His wonderful power. I praise Him for healing me when I get sick.

He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for saving my mother and sister. Pray for my brother that the Lord will save him.

I have been in the church eight months, and thank God for the dear old Church of God.

I am a little boy thirteen years old. Pray for me that I may keep humble at Jesus' feet.

Yours truly,

Rexton Gonias.

Branford, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for a full and free salvation that really saves from sin. I was saved when about twelve years old, and have belonged to the Methodist Church. I could not feel free to say that I knew I was even saved, as I was not sure of it then, but praise God last February I got a know so salvation, was sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gave utterance. Now I belong to the great Church of God. Hallelujah, praise His dear name forever!

I feel the fire still burning in my soul this morning, and have a greater determination to go all the way with Jesus than ever before.

Pray for me that I may stay humble at the feet of Jesus,

Your sister in Christ,
Ella Vernon.

Crab Apple, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still in the fight saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Meeting closed Sunday

Punta Gorda, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

I will never cease to praise the Lord for sending dear old sister Cotton here to preach the gospel, under which I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I also praise Him for His healing power.

Something over three months ago the typhoid fever was raging here and seven of my family were stricken down. The first two, my baby and youngest girl, had been down for two weeks. We called the saints and had prayer and anointed them and praise God, they were healed instantly. My baby got right up and went out and began to fly his kite (he is five years old). My little girl went to Cleveland, Fla., and spent about two weeks visiting friends. How is that for healing? No doctors in the world could have cured a case of typhoid fever so quickly; so the Lord gets all the praise. Bless His dear name.

The other five were taken down with the same fever, also that awful stomach trouble called dysentery. The Lord wonderfully healed them all, but the next youngest boy. He didn't seem so very bad at first, so we didn't even pray much for him until the others were healed. One day he called me to his bed and said, "Mamma, I want you to pray for me." A cold chill went over me right then for I saw then that he was in a worse condition than any of the others had been. We cried and prayed for him but couldn't seem to get the victory.

Our neighbors and nearly the whole town were taking notice. We were threatened with being arrested if we didn't get a doctor in twenty-four hours. Oh, what cold shoulders our neighbors turned on us but we didn't care for we had Jesus as our friend, and He said that if we ask anything in His name believing, that it shall be done. Oh, what comfort those words were to me when I looked down on my little boy which that disease had made a mere a skeleton.

night with an old time hand shake. Some holiness seed has been sown here and holiness seed never dies.

One was saved, two sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. Thank God!

Satan is mad but we are going on.

Your brother,

E. H. Turner.

I knew the only hope for his life was the help we would get from God. Praise His dear name. My boy was down three months when the Lord wonderfully healed him, even when he was at death's door. There seemed nothing to do but to give him back to the Father who gave him, but no, He healed him.

I will never forget the night he was healed. A dear sister and I were sitting at his bed side. We were talking of Jesus and how good He was when we seemed burdened to pray once more for my boy. We just poured out our hearts to the One that is ever present to hear the faintest cry. While we were praying, some bright spots came and went over my boy's face. The spots were not very large but it seemed like Jesus was in the room. The sister cried and said she felt the presence of the Lord. We thought the Lord had come to take him but no, he aroused out of the stupor he was in and said "Mamma I want you all to pray for me." And we did and dear ones, he was healed from that time. He is now as healthy as ever. Praise the Lord for it. Oh, I wish I was gifted with my pen so I could tell just how it was.

Three of our family are saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, myself, husband and oldest boy. Oh, how good the Lord is to me. How happy to know my boy is saved and ready to go to heaven. I am so happy. Glory, hallelujah! — Pray for we dear ones, we want to keep pressing on and get all the Lord has for us.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Bryant Newell.

Beltona, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' name:

I praise the Lord because I belong to the Church of God. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:4)

I have been in this way for six months and I am not tired of it for every day gets brighter.

I am so glad I have learned to trust God both soul and body. I want every one to pray for me that I may be healed. I have spells of indigestion and just fall as if I was dead. I have had these spells for nearly two years and they are getting worse. I know the Lord can heal. I don't take any remedies of any kind. I have fasted and prayed to be healed but if the Lord can get more glory out of my death than life, amen.

Your sister in Christ,
Polly Taylor.

An Open Letter to the Pastors

Sam C. Perry.

As we are about to enter upon a new year, no doubt many are resolving to make this the best year of their lives, and this is right. If we make greater progress in God's service it must be because we put forth an effort in that direction. Sitting down waiting for developments will not carry us forward. We must with a vigorous determination take hold with a definite purpose to succeed and go forward.

Now, my brethren, there are some definite steps to be taken in our advancement. We need to systematically take hold that we may have positive, material results.

You should seek to make your church a revival church this year. Be not satisfied to merely hold your own but work and pray to see definite gains, souls getting to God, and the members built up and advanced. It will take time and effort, but the right kind of effort will bring it. Our progress and advancement in general depends on whether we are a lively church or not.

If the gospel is carried to the world it will be done by lively members. If the gifts and fulness of God is revealed in the world at all, it will only be to the lively members, and when Jesus catches away His glorious body they are all lively members.

Then let me emphasize this thought, the life of the church depends on the ministry. That being true we can see the importance of the ministry and the sacredness of the place they occupy. Perhaps few realize this.

Our success as a pastor or evangelist depends on our spiritual state, our qualifications for the work, also upon our call. If God has called you to the ministry He will see to it that you are saved from all the powers of earth and hell if you are true to Him. He cannot use you if you are not thus saved. He will also see to it that you are qualified for the work if you "Study to shew yourself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth," and use all the means which you have at hand for improving and preparing yourself: But it should be remembered a man is not necessarily fit to be pastor or minister in any capacity just because he is powerfully saved. There is need of special wisdom and God-

given tact and talents, and in many cases the work has suffered because it was in the hands of those who did not possess these qualifications.

He should be "an example" in Word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity," and we could add patience, longsuffering, obedience, kindness, love, gentleness and self-denial.

The effect of our preaching is largely according to the life that is behind it, not what you profess. For many profess a high standard, and live to a very low one.

"The servant of the Lord must not strive." But to do this and have a smooth gentle spirit with all classes takes a close walk with God. Remember that God has not sent you, dear fellow minister, to drive and strive and beat the sheep over the head, and "pull wool" and scratch and use the spirit of the world. Read 2 Tim. 2:24-26, Titus 3:2, Gal 6:1, Eph. 4:2.

The ministers of the gospel are not to "lord it over God's heritage." We should remember that we are laborers together with Him, and that we are not bosses at all. God will save us from this spirit if we give Him a chance.

A pastor should not use partiality, but love all alike, and help and encourage and stand with all for their good.

When a pastor or minister gets his eyes on money his course is run. If you are tangled up with love of money God cannot use you. If the church prospered it would be in spite of you rather than by your service.

Another very dangerous thing to pastors and others is jealousy. None but a poor weakling ever gets jealous of his brother ministers. If God can use some other worker, pastor or evangelist to stir your people you should thank God and rejoice. Are we not workers together, are we not members one of another, then why not feel good if the work is going forward, no matter who is the instrument used?

A pastor should not get impatient or discouraged because he cannot send in a report like some others, hold on, be faithful, God has promised to bless and give victory, and He rewards, not according to the outward results, but for obedience and faithfulness in the place he puts us. So you have

nothing to do with results, leave that with the Lord. While we desire results, and labor for the accomplishing of something substantial, yet we must leave the measuring of what is accomplished, and rewarding of same, with Him who is the great Master of the harvest.

Then dear pastors let us set in this new year to know God better, walk more closely to Him, and labor earnestly for Him than we ever have in the past. Since "the day is approaching" and "the time is at hand," and the king's business requires haste we should labor for His preparation that His bride may soon be ready for His coming to catch her away when she shall be crowned with Him in glory.

Rock Hill, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Readers of the "White-winged Messenger"—Greetings in Jesus precious name:

I am praising my dear Savior for victory in my soul. Glory to God! I do thank God for sending brother Padgett and brother Brawner to preach the true gospel and give out the great message that touched my heart, and that I have seen the precious light of my Lord. Praise God! Seems like I have more to thank Him for than any one else; because I realize now where I was once going to spend eternity, and praise God I have eyes open to the true Word of Jesus now, and shouting His praises over sin and the devil. I am still pressing on and fighting the battle, and am not tired yet. Although this way is despised by some, I want to be one of the Lord's despised few. I thank God I am saved, sanctified, and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost, and the Lord has full control of me. I have given up all for Jesus. "It is joy unspeakable and full of glory" to have the witness still abiding in my soul and I know I am a child of God. My name is written in the Lamb's book above. I know my Savior is coming soon to catch away His waiting Bride and praise God I am ready to meet Him "just as I am" face to face. It is a sweet thought to think about having a chance of being Christ's Bride. Praise God forever! I have found more happiness in serving God in a minute, than the devil in a life time. I praise God that the Lord put me in this way and made me hate the things I once loved and love the things I once hated. I love to read the true Word of Jesus now, and nothing does me

so much good than to hear the true Word of the gospel. I used to read novels and go to dances and thought that was heaven enough for me, but glory to Jesus, I have found out better, and am always wanting more of God's love. I have been going through some hard tests for about two weeks, and I have had some trials and temptations, but I still have the witness in my soul, and know God is with me still, so I am willing to bear all for Jesus alone. I have a burden now and want the prayers of all the readers of the "Evangel" that I will be free from this burden. I know Jesus is my burden bearer, and will help me through.

We have prayer meeting twice a week, and want any Church of God preacher who will come and preach for us. We are hungry to hear the Word of God, given out.

I am glad I let the Comforter come in as soon as I did, and that Jesus has given me a determination to go through with Him. Jesus is all I need in this world. He helps me through every fight and gives me victory. I am a member of the Church of God here at Rock Hill.

I have five unsaved brothers. So wish all the praying people to help me pray for them, that they will see this blessed way is right, and come with me. I have one sister saved, sanctified and baptized with Holy Ghost. Wish to ask all the saints' prayers that she will stand true to Jesus. My other sister wants the full blessing.

I am eighteen years old, have a mother and father who want the prayers of all.

Pray that I will live low and humble at Jesus' feet. God bless all who read this. May they that are not a child of God get hungry for "old time" salvation through the blood of Jesus.

I am in the battle till Jesus comes.

Your humble sister in Jesus,
Miss. Pearl Chapman.

Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am praising God for the little "white-winged messenger" that brings so many gospel sermons in our home.

Well, you all saw a notice about our meeting. We were obliged to put it off, as we could not get our house ready. We have a nice house almost finished, larger than the other one. We need seats and a little more ceiling.

We want to have it dedicated just as soon as we can. We earnestly solicit prayers that God will help us.

Your brother in Christ,
Wm. Coleman.

Sobel, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God for the way He picked up a poor sinner lick me and saved, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the grace He is giving me. He made me straighten up my back life and made me get up in church right where I had said I would die and go to hell before I would confess anything but praise God I got to the place where I was glad to confess for stealing chickens and everything mean.

Pray for me that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.

Your brother in Christ,
Viva Bishop.

Crab Orchard, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am praising God for a full and free salvation that I know I have got. Bless His dear name. I thank God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues. I am only fourteen years of age. There are six of us little girls that have the Holy Ghost. Pray for us that we may be true little soldiers for Jesus.

I thank God for saving, sanctifying and filling mama with the Holy Ghost. The people call us Pharisees, and say we can't live without sin. We know we can.

We are having some good meetings here. Brother Edd Goddard and brother Taylor closed a meeting here. There were many blessed. Everybody loved the brothers.

Pray for the little band at Crab Orchard.

Your little humble sister in Christ, waiting for the coming King,

Georgia M. Wright.

Bassville, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' name:

I am praising God for this wonderful salvation and for the Holy Ghost which Jesus promised when He left this world. I am happy with Jesus alone and I expect to go all the way with my Lord by His help. I love Jesus because He loved me well enough to lay down His life for me.

I have had this great experience about six years and it gets sweeter to my soul every day.

Pray for my husband and children.

Your sister looking for the coming of Jesus,

Leacy A. Padgett.

Point, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Evangel Readers—
Greetings in Jesus' name.

I am still praising God for victory over sin, though we need the prayers of all the saints everywhere, as we are alone in this country. Sister Tenie Proctor, her daughter and myself. We need other saints here to worship with us. So I am going to ask every reader of the Evangel to sympathize with us and open up your hearts and pockets, and help pray for a gospel tent for brother Brouayer, so he can hold a meeting here this fall and winter. Now listen, if you were away where you could not hear a Holy Ghost preacher, have no saints with whom to worship, and could see the great need for true and whole gospel to be preached, you would be oh so thankful to the people that would help buy a tent in order that the work might be started. Now dear ones, don't pass this by unnoticed, as I am talking to everyone.

Now anyone that has any money to spare toward getting a tent for brother Brouayer, please send it to brother Tomlinson, mentioning that it is for brother Brouayer's tent. Now dear ones, don't delay, but send in your contribution as early and large as you can. If it is not convenient now, you can send it later to be paid on the tent.

I praise God oh so much for the privilege of being here, and for the knowledge I have of the need of this wonderful gospel being made known to this good people. Now everybody pray for this help and pray for me that I may be able to do something for the Lord. As ever.

Your true sister in Christ,
Bettie Workman.

Hixson Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Dear Saints:

I am praising God because two years ago last June He saw fit to enroll my name on the blessed Lamb's book. He saved, sanctified and gave me the blessed Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. Am praising Him because when the Holy Ghost came into my soul, He spake for Himself. I am still trying to hold on to Jesus and am trying to be as humble as I can, although it is hard to overcome all temptations, but by prayer and the help of God, we are made strong. He says He will not let us be tempted any more than we can stand, but we know the evil one is very cunning. He comes in many ways, but

there is one who is higher. Praise Him forever!

I want to ask the prayers of all the dear saints for my husband, that the Lord will show him that he should receive the baptism and speak in other tongues, although he lives true to God in a justified life. But I have asked the blessed Lord to give him the Holy Ghost so we might have family prayers and bless the Lord in everything.

Pray for me that I may get closer to Jesus, and be more humble, so I might live a life to lead some one to live for Jesus. I can never praise God enough for what He has done for me, not only me, but others.

Yours in Jesus,
Mrs. Maude Nowlin.

Clifty, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' name:

I am praising God because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, 10:46. I know I am, for I am not ashamed of Jesus. The Word says "My people shall never be ashamed." Joel 2:26. I don't say I hope so, reckon so, guess so, or may be so, but I know I am living for God. Glory to His great name! The reason I know it, the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Hallelujah!

Brother Wesley Collins is in charge of a meeting at Brown Town. He sure is a power for God, and as a proof, the signs are following according to Mark 16:16, 17 and James 5:14, 15. He has held several healing services, and God has blessed. Glory to His sweet name, His Word and promises are true, and shall never pass away. Hallelujah!

I want all to pray for me, also pray for my husband to be filled with the Holy Ghost, also my daughter at Crab Orchard. My family is broken here on earth, but I want it to be unbroken in heaven. Glory to God in the highest. Your sister waiting for Jesus, Anna Steelman.



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THOUGHTS

To those who profess to have salvation and are still using snuff and tobacco, I would say this, God has completely delivered me from snuff as He did my sins. Now I was willing to be delivered from sin, also snuff. I feel that there are many things between you and God, if you have not been delivered from snuff and tobacco. So if you just wont give up snuff and tobacco, don't profess to know God, for I believe God will deliver you when you get willing to give it up; for Zech. 13:1 says, There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness. I am persuaded that snuff and tobacco are unclean, and 2 Cor. 7:1 tells us to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, which I feel sure takes in snuff and tobacco.

Dear ones, I love all who are weak, but I want you to be strong. Anybody can use snuff and tobacco, but it takes a man or woman to quit it. I know it has a stronghold on you, but God can as easily give freedom from snuff and tobacco as from sins. Look at Isa. 55:2. "Wherefore do you spend your money for that which satisfieth not *** eat ye that which is good." Isaiah knew people would be eating something that was not good, so says, "eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." As much as to say, if you eat that which is not good your soul wont be fat. See dear ones, that is why so many are weak and lean. Let us quit now. Every time you want the nasty stuff, get down on your knees and ask God for deliverance now.

Mary Howell.

Ridgedale, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

I write these lines for encouragement to the dear little church I have just left near Walling, Tenn. Route 1, known as the New Bethel Church of God. I want to say that we erected a new house of our own worth about \$1000.00, and left the church in good order with the intention of going back once a month till they can do better. Praise God! So while brothers Bain, George Sprinkle and myself were out there in the summer holding a meeting, some one broke in my house at Ridgedale, Tenn., and stole about \$80.00 worth of our bed clothing and other clothing left our furniture for us to

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keep house on. Well praise God for it all, I love Jesus any way. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! So I told the people at Walling, Route 1, about my misfortune, so the church and some others gave us \$50 in bed clothing, money and canned goods. So I praise God all the way. I am not tired yet. I mean to go all the way with Him at any cost. He is always a helper and a healer when He is needed. His promises are true, when we meet the conditions of His Word. I have never known of His failing to answer, when conditions are met.

I desire the prayers of all God's people that He may give me grace to overcome. Your humble brother in Jesus, J. F. Dover.

McMinnville, Tenn.

The little fourteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham went to be with Jesus October 24, 1916. Little Billy will be greatly missed by all but we hope to see him again some day.

Brother and sister Durham are members of the Church of God.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. De Long has gone to the great beyond. She only stayed in this world a short time but God knows best. Brother and sister DeLong trusted in God for their baby and were true to the dear old Bible.

Your unworthy sister,
Daisy Durham.

Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:

I am still reading the little paper, and it sure does me good. I want you dear ones to please pray for this home of nine in family, and not a one has the Holy Ghost. But thank God, some are seeking, and I am one of them, and don't care who knows it. By the grace of God, I expect to get the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Saints please remember me in your prayers,
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